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Dear NIU/DLS Graduates:

Our spring Newsletter is early this year. This is due not only to the nice weather we're having in February as I write this, but also for the news we are eager to share with you.

During the past year we have been going through a program review with various levels of the university and the Board of Regents. Things are progressing well, and no major changes have been recommended at this point. Our enrollment is up compared to a year ago. Nearly half of the credit hours being taken this spring are off-campus. Most of our students are part-time.

We are planning a number of events for the spring and hope you will be able to take part in them. Separate items later in this Newsletter give the details. If you are not able to get to any of these upcoming events, drop us a line and share your news with us.

NIU REUNION IN CINCINNATI. The department joined other library schools in holding a reunion at the fall meeting of the Midwest Federation of Library Associations. Joining Professors Kies and Larsen were Carol Morrison (Information Network Coordinator of the DuPage Library System), Thyra Russell (Assistant Order/Serials Librarian at Southern Illinois University), Eunice Fisher (Library Assistant at Rockford Public Library), Pat Stockner (Administrative Librarian of Warrenville Public Library District), Eileen Dubin (Director of Harper College Library) and Theodore Welch (Director of the NIU Libraries).

ACHIEVEMENT FUND AND NEW PURCHASES. Over the past year 22 donors gave over $600 to the department. One donation was matched by an employer, bringing the total to over $800. Many thanks to those who gave. Some of this money was used to help purchase a new portable terminal for the department and new software, including a package on online searching techniques for ERIC. The department also obtained a new printer recently.

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR ILA. The department will be holding a reception at the spring meeting of the Illinois Library Association. It will be in the Gold Coast Room of the Hyatt Regency from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. You will be receiving an invitation for this event later.

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DALLAS REUNIONS. We will be participating in the joint library school reunion at the annual ALA conference. Look for us there!

FACULTY NEWS. Henry Dequin participated in the North Central Association evaluation of Metamora High School, Metamora, Illinois from February 21-23 as chair of the Media Services Committee. He will present a paper on "Library Materials/Technology/Resources for Disabled College Students and Adults in the Decade of Disabled Persons 1983-1992" at the 17th annual conference of the Western College Reading and Learning Association in San Jose, California. He was a contributor to the new ALA publication, Research on Adolescence for Youth Service: An Annotated Bibliography on Adolescent Development, Educational Needs, and Media, 1978-1980. He is serving as chair of the Young Adult Services Division Research Committee. This committee sponsors a research forum at the annual American Library Association conferences and also administers the YASD/Voice of Youth Advocates Research Grant. Information about these programs may be obtained from Professor Dequin. He is also serving as chair of a newly-formed campus-wide Committee on the Decade of Disabled Persons 1983-1992. The committee's first activity is the sponsorship of "Disability Awareness Week" on campus from April 9-14, 1984. Cosette Kies was in New York in early March doing research at the New York Public Library for a book she is writing. The trip was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Professor Kies continues to review for Voice of Youth Advocates. Sue Sahli was elected secretary of the American Society for Information Science Special Interest Group for Classification Research. David Shavit recently completed his doctorate at Columbia University's School of Library Service. He served as a contributing editor for the recently published Biographical Dictionary of the Holy Land. Professor Shavit prepared 250 entries for the work published in Israel. In February he conducted workshops for students on editing and page formats using SCRIPT, SYSPUB and SUPERWYLBUR. Andrew Torok will be presenting a paper on "Ergonomic Implications for Microcomputing" at the spring meeting of ASIS in Bloomington, Indiana.

Elizabeth Chambers, faculty member from 1973 to 1981, stopped by to visit in the fall. She has just completed a two-year consulting stint in the Philippines. Her retirement plans include residency in California. Her address there is: Pilgrim Place, 727 Plymouth, Claremont, CA 91711.

Peggy Sullivan, Dean of the College of Professional Studies and Professor in the department, is one of five authors of papers concerning Libraries and the Learning Society for U.S. Department of Education invitational seminars conducted during February, 1984. As author of the paper on linkages among various kinds of libraries, Dean Sullivan attended seminars in Boston, Chicago, Berkeley, and Dallas. The seminars which focused on public libraries, academic and research libraries, library and information science education, and school libraries had approximately 30 participants each. Dean Sullivan is concluding her term as a member of the board of the Illinois Coalition of Library Advocates, a group formed of Illinois delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Service.

Primarily as a result of the storytelling course she taught in the department in fall, 1982, Dean Sullivan is frequently invited to tell stories or give readings to various groups in the community. She continues her reviewing and other professional association activities.

PART TIME FACULTY. Individuals teaching for the department this spring include: John Frazier (Argonne Laboratories), "Online Searching"; Molly Klowden (Elmhurst College), "Organization of Library Materials"; and John Lohrstorfer (Aurora City Attorney's Office and formerly of the DuPage Library System), "Sources of Legal Information." Brad Baker, who taught the course on "Government Publication" for the department in the fall is now Acting Head of Public Services at Northeastern Illinois University Library.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE INSTITUTE. The Departments of Library Science and Curriculum and Instruction will cosponsor the 4th annual children's literature institute on May 4-5, 1984. The theme of the conference is "The Realm of Imagination: Artistry in Literature for Children and Youth." Highlights of the two days include presentations by Robin McKinley, author of Beauty, The Blue Sword (1983 Newbery Honor Book) and The Door in the Hedge; as well as Margaret Nourse Coughlan of the Library of Congress' Children's Literature Center; Jean Feraca, author, poet and poet educator involved in Poets-in-the-Schools Program; and Barbara Elleman, children's book reviewer for ALA's Booklist. Additional events include a theater workshop, puppets and a book exhibit. Attendees can earn an hour's academic credit for the workshop. For an announcement and registration information call (815/753-1457) or write: Professional Studies Outreach, College of Continuing Education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

SPRING COLLOQUIUM. A special and exciting spring colloquium has been planned. The last page of this Newsletter gives the details and may be detached for posting.

ONLINE SEARCHING AND MICROCOMPUTER WORKSHOPS. The Department will be offering one-day introductory seminars for online searching towards the end of April or early in May. The seminars will be aimed at librarians with little or no familiarity with online searching. The morning sessions will cover general aspects of searching and the services of major vendors, such as Lockheed, SDC and BRS. The afternoon sessions will cover search strategy formulation and hands-on searching using the Department's computer laboratory. Groups will be limited to 15 participants, with a nominal fee charged to cover expenses. Seminar leaders will be Andrew Torok, associate professor, and Jitka Hurych, online search librarian at Founders Library. If you or any of your colleagues are interested. please contact the Department for additional information.

The Department is willing to offer brief introductory tutorial seminars in micro-computing. These seminars may range from ½ to all day sessions. Sessions can focus on a basic introduction to micro-computing or use of commerical software packages for library processing. These seminars will begin in April for currently enrolled students. If you wish to participate, or wish to have your own seminar, please contact the Department office. Currently, the Department supports an Apple IIe with software for online searching of floppy disk-based ERIC records as well as sample library housekeeping tasks. Seminar leader will be Professor Torok.

NEWS FROM OUR GRADUATES. Michael Arden (1980) has joined the Peace Corps and is in Liberia. Paul Bollheimer (1981) head of Chicago Public Library's Hegewisch Branch was featured in a recent CPL Newsletter picture accepting Chicago City Council materials for the branch. Marianne (Young) Cavanaugh (1982) is working as a librarian at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Jackie Childress (1980) has relocated in Gates Mills, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. Sook Kyung Lee (1983) is working as an indexer for a private company and is planning to enter the doctoral program at the University of Maryland next year.

Cosette Kies, Chair
Department of Library Science

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GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLOQUIUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1984

2:30 pm
Holmes Center Room 406

BEVERLY LYNCH, Director of the Library, University of Illinois at Chicago, and candidate for Vice-President, President-Elect of the American Library Association will lecture on:

"The Nature of Library Work in Light of New Technology: An Exploration of the ALA Guidelines for Library Personnel Resources."

3:45 pm
Holmes Center Room 406

VIRGINIA MATHEWS, Vice-President of The Shoe String Press and candidate for Vice-President, President-Elect of the American Library Association will lecture on:

"The Meaning of Librarianship in Today's Society."

7:30 pm
Holmes Center Room 405

THE ALA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

"Dialogue on Issues Confronting the American Library Association."

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* *The Second Annual Microcomputer Software Fair* *
* *will also be held Tuesday, April 3, 1984,* *
* *9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Duke Ellington Ballroom* *
* *of the Holmes Student Center.* *
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- ALL EVENTS ARE FREE -

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